

This is a special interest group trying to force their interest on hams who are not interested in CW. This petition is actually requesting to make the code requirement MORE DIFFICULT when one wants to move up the ham ranks, while the rest of the world is dropping the out moded, and no longer needed morse code. Code is a fine mode, and certainly fun for many operators. But forcing someone to learn it to operate voice, or digital, or image, or packet, etc.. is just plain silly. It's in FISTS best interest to force code on people so as to provide new members for their organization, but it is NOT necessary for the future of ham radio in the US, and in fact, forced CW testing will continue to STRANGLE the growth of amateur radio the the US.